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DeDuca et al.

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FOR CUT OF RAW MEAT

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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add new claims 16-30 as follows:

B¹ sub c¹ → 16. (New) A modified atmosphere package comprising first and second compartments separated by a partition member, said partition member including a non-barrier portion substantially permeable to oxygen, said first and second compartments being encompassed by an outer wall substantially impermeable to oxygen, said first compartment being substantially free of oxygen solely in response to said first compartment being flushed with one or more gases creating a modified atmosphere within said first compartment, said first compartment containing an oxygen scavenger activated with an oxygen scavenger accelerator to substantially absorb residual oxygen within said first compartment after said first compartment is flushed with said one or more gases, said second compartment containing a retail cut of raw meat.